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6                   UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
7                   WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
8                   AT SEATTLE

9                   UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

10                  Plaintiff,

11                  v.

12                  CURTIS G. SNIPES,

13                  Defendant.

CASE NO. 2:21-cr-00057-RSM

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR  
NEW COUNSEL, DKT. 216**

13                  Defendant moves the Court for the second time to appoint new counsel claiming he is  
14                  dissatisfied with counsel and there is an irreconcilable breakdown in the attorney-client  
15                  relationship. Dkt. 216. The Court is familiar with Defendant having granted his first motion for  
16                  new counsel after a hearing and thus need no conduct another hearing to hear how Defendant  
17                  will not work with counsel.

18                  The Court accordingly ORDERS:

19                  1)       The Court GRANTS Defendant's motion for new counsel, Dkt. 216, for **one last**  
20                  **time**. Any further motion Defendant files for new counsel shall be presented to the undersigned  
21                  judge.

22                  2)       The Court grants the motion because trial is set in March 2023 and appointment  
23                  of new counsel will not delay that trial date.

3) Future motions for new counsel claiming dissatisfaction with counsel or disagreement with counsel's tactical decisions will be summarily denied. Conflicts regarding trial strategy are not a basis for appointment of new counsel because all tactical decisions are committed to the discretion of counsel. *United States v. Corona-Garcia*, 210 F.3d 973. 977 (9th Cir.2000); *Charles v. Mass*, 217 Fed. Appx. 710, 711 (9th Cir. 2007) (Sixth Amendment does not entitle criminal defendant to new counsel where defendant disagrees with the tactical decisions of counsel).

4) The Clerk shall provide copies of this order to the parties and contact the Criminal Justice Administrator (CJA) for appointment of new counsel.

DATED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022.

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BRIAN A. TSUCHIDA  
United States Magistrate Judge